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Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification

Report of the First Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification" was included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 59/60 of 3 December 2004.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.
3. At its 1st meeting, on 28 September 2006, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 82 to 97, which was held at the 2nd to 7th meetings, from 2 to 6 and on 9 October (see A/C.1/61/PV.2-7). Thematic discussions on the items were held, and draft resolutions were introduced and considered, at the 8th to 19th meetings, from 9 to 12, from 16 to 20 and on 23 October (see A/C.1/61/PV.8-19). Action on all draft resolutions was taken at the 19th to 23rd meetings, on 23, from 25 to 27 and on 30 October (see A/C.1/61/PV.19-23).
4. No documents were submitted for consideration under this item.

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.1/61/L.22

5. At the 18th meeting, on 20 October, the representative of Canada introduced a draft decision entitled "Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification" (A/C.1/61/L.22). Subsequently, Kyrgyzstan joined in sponsoring the draft decision.
6. At its 20th meeting, on 25 October, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.1/61/L.22 without a vote.



III. Recommendation of the First Committee

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly, welcoming the update by the Chair of the Panel of Governmental Experts on Verification in All Its Aspects, including the Role of the United Nations in the Field of Verification, provided to the First Committee on 16 October 2006:¹

(a) Encourages the Panel of Governmental Experts to bring its work to an agreed conclusion as soon as possible;

(b) Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification".

¹ See A/C.1/61/PV.14.